

ABSTRACT

Disclosed is an image forming method comprising the steps
of: providing a print output by a nonsilver photographic color
5 hard copy recording system; providing a protective layer transfer
sheet comprising a thermally transferable protective layer
having a single or multi-layer structure separably provided on
a substrate sheet; putting the print and the protective layer
transfer sheet on top of each other and thermally transferring
10 the protective layer onto an image in the print so as to cover
at least the printed portion in the print; and separating the
substrate sheet from the protective layer transfer sheet.

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